

MAN MADE THE TOWN

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FIFTEENTH INSTALMENT
Her hands shook a little, making the bottle rattle against the glass as she measured out some of the drops.

It had a nasty, bitter taste.
"I'm afraid I haven't put any water with it," Diana said vaguely. "I don't care; perhaps it will really make me sleep this time."

She shivered and made a little grimace as she crept back to bed. "I'm afraid the children were supposed to be good for me," she said.

CHAPTER XXII
Jons was putting the pony and trap away in the stable when Mr. Hobson, the agent for the giant figure looming out of the fog, came to him.

"Don't 'er put her away yet!" he said. "There's some things for Rathbone's."

Jons turned around.

"It'll be difficult to get so far in this fog," he said, rather astutely.

The farmer frowned.

"When I was your age I didn't argue with a man like that," he said bluntly. "I'd 'em if you go up to the house the missus'll give you a good time."

Jons shrugged his shoulders and obeyed. He did not really object to the idea of a good time, but he did not like the thought of Rathbone's.

He fell as it, during the past week, since he first met her, she had used him as a model for her broken pieces of a puzzle, which had slowly and carefully formed themselves into a picture of him. He suddenly realized it was incomplete. And it was Rathbone's face that he saw in the finished picture.



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The love Jons felt for Diana was the kind of love which Diana had never known. She had been content to love on her pony's dreams of her, asking nothing more for him to continue to dream.

But that she should be unhappy was more than Jons could endure. It was only a mile or two away, as he reached Rathbone's.

The big gates were wide open, just as he neared the house he saw that the front door was wide open also.

He saw the pony was broken away by much rain and weather; but now the cry was nearer - almost like a wail.

"No body answered his repeated knock, and presently he turned the horse and rode on.

Nothing about. He set his basket of eggs and butter down on the porch, and then went to go when Hobson, the chauffeur, suddenly appeared.

"I'm looking at him."

"Where's everybody?" he asked. He indicated the basket. "I've just come to see if there's anybody about."

"We've got something else to do before we can get you to call," Hobson said tartly. His half turn to go, then came back, "I'm looking at him."

"Through the village."

"I'm looking at him."

